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From the President

This was a difficult legislative year; not because the Association was pressing for a lot of Library Legislation, but because the temper of the times was bent on reducing appropriations. It was just our luck to choose this year to try to bring basic aid to Libraries up to 10¢ per capita!

In Washington it was something of a triumph that the Library Services Act was able to muster enough home town support to keep the amount from being reduced in committee as well as on the floor of the House. This is proof positive that letters from back home do count. Don't ever think that the letter you didn't write doesn't matter.



The State Legislature will have adjourned by the time this report appears in print. Once again the Penal Fines diversion has been faced [and defeated] but since this bill was our old friend HB 251 with another number (HB 285) we may be pretty sure that it will be introduced again in 1958. We can all prepare for this struggle by letting our legislators know how much we depend on penal fines to carry on our services. Since penal fines support not only public and county libraries, but also contribute to school library funds, this is EVERYBODY'S fight.

Another Bill introduced this term which will channel limited additional penal fines into County Law Libraries, has had one immediate good result; a request for help in organizing the law libraries in several Counties.

An interesting development in the Grand Traverse Area saw the end of the project there with the immediate withdrawal of service in that county and the approaching end of services in the two other counties of the three county project. While it was a bitter day when the plea for local funds failed, the methods used in that failure may be far reaching. The Supervisors refused, by secret vote, to put the proposition of local support on the Spring ballot. This secrecy has aroused the local residents, and may well result in some changes being made.

A new method of assigning responsibility on the Legislative Committee was tried this year and proved helpful in keeping a watchful eye on the legislative picture. Carol Thomas and all of the people on her Committee deserve special thanks. This is also an opportune time to remind everyone that all members of the Association are members of the Legislative Committee.

It is hard to believe that it is time for Cliff Wightman to begin to make Committee appointments for 1958. If you have a special interest in some phase of the Association work, let him know. Every effort is made to assign people to the committees of their choice just as every effort is made to make sure that all types of libraries and all areas of the State are represented on the committees. Check back on the statements of committee functions as printed in the October, 1953, MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN if you want to look at the whole Association picture and refresh your memory on the work of the committees.

The 1957 Conference plans are progressing nicely. Our banquet speaker will be Leland Stowe, noted Journalist. Mr. Stowe will be in Europe until mid-September, and plans to bring us an up-to-date appraisal of European affairs and America's part in these affairs. A story-telling festival, featuring folk-tales, will honor United Nations Week. Elizabeth Howard Mizner, will be the Saturday luncheon speaker, and will emphasize work with the young adult. Several innovations will be incorporated into the Conference program and we will want your judgment on their success. A tentative program appears elsewhere along with information about the hotel and meal rates. Plan now to join us in Detroit, October 23-26.

Clover Flanders

The Nominations 1957-58

In accordance with the provision of the Constitution of the Michigan Library Association, the Committee on Nominations and Elections presents the following candidates for office in the Association for the coming year. Official ballots are sent to all members in good standing. Results will be announced at the annual conference October 23-26, Detroit-Leland Hotel, Detroit.

FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT (PRESIDENT-ELECT)

KATHERINE G. HARRIS, Director, Reference Services, Detroit Public Library.

A.B. Vassar, 1925; A.B.L.S. University of Michigan, 1927; A.M.L.S. University of Michigan, 1939. Reference Librarian, Michigan State College, 1927-28; Assistant Librarian, Pontiac City Library, 1928-31; Head, Circulation Department, Ann Arbor Public Library, 1933-36; Reference Librarian, Michigan State Normal College Library, 1936-40; Head, Art Department, Kalamazoo Public Library, 1940-42; Reference Assistant, Detroit Public Library, 1942-48; Chief, General Information Department, 1948-53; Present position, 1953 to date. Member: A.L.A., M.L.A., A.E.A. of Michigan, Friends of the Detroit Public Library, Zonta Club; Member-at-Large, M.L.A. Executive Board, 1944-45; M.L.A. Nominating Committee, 1945-46; Secretary, M.L.A. Reference Section, 1945-46; Chairman, 1946-47; Vice-President and President, University of Michigan Association of Library Science Alumni, 1945-47; Secretary, Reference Librarians' Section, A.C.R.L., 1948-49; Member, M.L.A. Planning Committee, 1953-55; Chairman, 1955; Visiting Lecturer, University of Michigan Department of Library Science, 1955; Member, P.L.D. Reference Section Committee on Reorganization, 1955-56; Member, A.L.A. Reference Services Division, Organizing Committee, 1956-57; Lecturer in Library Science, University of Michigan Extension Service, 1957.



G. FLINT PURDY, Director of Libraries, Wayne State University, Detroit. B.A. Iowa State Teachers College, 1925; B.S. in L.S., Columbia, 1933; Ph.D., Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, 1936; A.L.A. Fellow, 1935-36; Public high school teacher and administrator in Iowa, 1925-32; Present position, 1936 to date.

Taught library science courses at Wayne University 1936-49, University of Illinois Library School, summer sessions 1943, 1945, 1947 and 1957. Contributor to professional journals. Member: A.L.A., A.C.R.L., M.L.A., Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Midwest Inter-Library Corporation, 1956-57; President, Library Education Division of A.L.A., 1949-50; member, A.L.A. Council, 1941-43, 1946-50; Chairman, A.L.A. Committee on Library Revenues, 1936-41; Chairman, A.L.A. Statistics Committee, 1945-50; A.C.R.L. Statistics Committee, 1948-54; Member, M.L.A. Committee on Salaries, Staff and Tenure, 1942-44; Chairman of M.L.A. Committee on Education for Librarianship, 1944-45.



FOR SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

NORMA L. JONES, Creston High School, Grand Rapids. Superior State College, B.E., 1938; University of Minnesota, M.A. (Library Science), 1952. Member, ALA, M.L.A., M.A.S.L., Grand Rapids Librarians' Club, Beta Phi Mu, M.E.A. Teacher-Librarian, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, 1938-42; Secretary, P.T.A., 1939-40, 41-42; Leader, Girl Scouts, 1941-42; Chairman, English Dept.-Librarian, Blissfield, Michigan, 1942-47; Leader, Campfire Girls, 1943-45; Senior Class Advisor, 1944-47; Secretary, Teachers Club, 1944-45; Vice-President, 45-46; President, 46-47; Assistant Librarian, Creston High School, 1947 to date. Chairman, Program Committee, School Librarians Institute, M.L.A. 1949; MLA Recruiting Committee, 1950, Chairman, 1951; Secretary, District IV, 1951, Chairman, 1953; Chairman Grand Rapids School Librarians, 1952-53; President, Grand Rapids Schoolwomen's Club, 1953-54, 54-55; Secretary, M.L.A., 1954; Executive Board, Grand Rapids Teachers Association, 1955-56, 56-57; Vice-President, Grand Rapids Librarians Club, 1956, President, 1957; Vice Chairman, Library Section, District 9 M.E.A., 1956, Chairman, 1957; Nominating Committee, M.L.A., 1956; Co-chairman, Membership Committee, M.A.S.L., 1956-57; MLA Salary, Staff & Tenure Committee, 1957.

ALICE B. PEARSALL, librarian, T.L. Handy School, Bay City. B.A., Marygrove College, M.A. University of Michigan, B.S. in L.S. Western Reserve University. Taught Library Science in the extension division of the Central Michigan College Graduate School 1953-54, librarian at T.L. Handy School for 15 years.

FOR SECRETARY

MRS. MADGE R. DOTY, Reference librarian, Lansing Public Library. A.B. Michigan State University, 1928; graduate study in literature and political science, Michigan State University, 1941-42; M.S.L.S. Western Reserve University, Cleveland, 1949. Teacher, High School Latin, French, English, Mackinaw City, Davison, Lansing High Schools, 1930-37. Assistant school Librarian, Junior and Senior High Schools, Lansing, 1945-48, 1950-51. Circulation librarian 1951-52, Reference librarian 1952 to date, Lansing Public Library. Member, A.L.A., M.L.A., Friends of the library, M.S.U., Chairman, M.L.A. Nominating Committee, District 2, Reference Section, 1954; Member of M.L.A. Legislative Committee, 1954-56; Member of M.L.A. Planning Committee, 1954-55; Chairman, M.L.A. Publications Committee, 1956-57.

EMMA SIHLER, Librarian, Adrian Public Library. A.B., Western Reserve University, Certificate, Cleveland College, 1931. Chief of Circulation, Jackson Public Library, 1931-44; Readers' Advisor, 1945-47; Assistant Librarian, Adrian Public Library, 1947-51, Librarian, 1951 to date. Member, A.L.A., M.L.A., past chairman of Junior Members; Chairman, District 2, 1951-52; member of M.L.A. Legislative Committee, 1952-54; Chairman, M.L.A. Nominating Committee, 1955; M.L.A. Secretary, 1956-57.

FOR MEMBER AT LARGE (Trustee Group)

MRS. MARGARET STEFFENS, President, Holland Public Library Board, B.S., Northwestern University, 1932. Secretary, M.L.A. District IV; American Association of University Women, Past President, Holland Branch, State Resolutions Chairman, 1956; State Nominating Committee Chairman, 1953; School Program Committee, Holland Area School Study; Kappa Delta National Sorority; Archives Chairman; Women's Literary Club; Board Member, Netherlands Museum, Holland; Secretary, Community Ambassador Committee.

MRS. MARION T. WHITE, trustee member, McGregor Public Library, Highland Park since 1950. Graduate of University of Michigan. Elected trustee Vice-chairman, M.L.A. District III, 1953-54; Trustee Chairman, 1954-55-56. Served on state committee to revise Michigan Trustees' Manual; appointed chairman of state committee for trustee citations, 1956; employed as Press Relations contact for the Detroit Public Library system for two years; currently doing freelance publicity and is interviewer for Survey Research Center, U. of Michigan; former newspaper woman and magazine editor.

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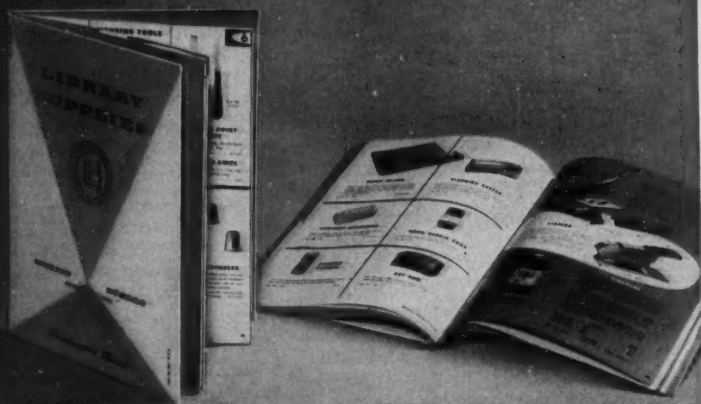
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Story telling, poetry, public relations and a review of series books were featured on the program of the Spring Institute sponsored by the School and Children's Section, M. L. A., held at the Kellogg Center, East Lansing on April 12 and 13. 125 librarians, from children's departments, schools, and teachers attended.

Two panel discussions were announced for the opening session but the first turned into a serial tale about the pre-school story hour in Jackson told by Miss Frances Burnside and a committee of mothers.

"How do we cross the bridge?" was the question asked of Mrs. Ethel Ireland, a teacher, Mrs. Wilbur Brookover, a mother (both from East Lansing), Mrs. Rosalie Fraser, a school librarian (Paw Paw), Mrs. Julia Cruikshank (Adrian) and Mrs. Mary Bobinski (Royal Oak), children's librarians, by Doris Young of the Teacher Education Program, Michigan State University. How can parents, teachers, and children participate together in using the library books for enjoyment and enriching home and school interests? Visits to all classrooms by children's librarians to give talks or tell stories and regular trips of classes accompanied by teachers and mothers to the library result in increased numbers of children who form the library habit. An open house for teachers early in the year creates a friendly relationship with new teachers and acquaints the others with newly acquired materials. Teachers who build their units of work around children's current interests rely heavily on the book stock of the library. The teacher who reads the same books aloud year after year can be influenced by a mother's suggestions or by a child who takes a variety of attractive books to school.

The atmosphere of the children's room should attract the whole family, and leisurely browsing by children and their parents makes for selection of books to accompany family pursuit of hobbies and the reading hobby itself. The question why the popular fiction series, such as the Bobbsey Twins and Nancy Drew are not found in libraries was answered by pointing out that children have no difficulty in acquiring them from other sources and that library funds are always inadequate for better written books. The library can suggest other similar but far more constructive series to enrich the children's experience and give time to a program for widening children's reading interests.

Dr. Moiree Compere of the Speech Department, Michigan State University, spoke on "Poetry for Children" at the Friday night meeting in place of Dr. Edgar DeForest who was detained on business. By describing the shortcomings in poetry experiences revealed in a questionnaire by 2500 college freshmen, Dr. Compere challenged her audience to use a different approach with children today. She is trying to prepare her students to be parents and teachers by giving them children's poetry along with adult verse. Poetry is caught by infection, and needs to be spoken with a show of appropriate feeling. Poetry is more personal than your toothbrush so each person will select only part of what he is exposed to for his own. Oral reading is absolutely necessary, with attention to rhythm, phrasing, pacing so that the sound augments the meaning. Her reading of poems illustrated a wide variety of mood and thought. In the group discussion, the idea of a library poetry club, with children planning the program and making their own anthologies held a promise of great pleasure. The value of poetry in accenting the mood of the story hours

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both for its program value and for acquainting the children with poetry was pointed up.

The second phase in considering public relations was a talk about library TV programs for children by Miriam Wessel of the Detroit Public Library at the Saturday morning session. Experiences gained in planning and producing a weekly program of story telling for over a year were compressed into forty minutes. In order to achieve a good show, a clever and skilled director and competent camera operators are essential. Sound effects, settings, pictures and three-dimensional objects can enhance ideas, or prove ineffectual or distracting. The librarian needs to be firm in her philosophy of keeping a story-telling program just that and may have to veto suggestions for inappropriate audio-visual gadgets. However, she can learn much from following the advice of the directors and artists of the studios. More responses to the television series came from adults than children. Some programs were directed to adults. One of the best received was a book talk on the Caldecott-Newberry Award books. Requests for a series on how to tell a story, and talks on children's literature are being considered for future programs. The story tellers feel the necessity of working on their techniques, as projection of feeling, perfect diction and timing are hard to achieve under the lights before the camera with no children's faces to give back the enchantment of the story. Television as a public relations vehicle for libraries can be effective but poses many problems of production.

For the second part of the Saturday morning session, the question "Series Books: What Shall We Do About Them?" was opened by reviews of

three series. Miss Elizabeth DeYoe (Lansing) spoke of outstanding titles in the Land of the Free Series edited by Erick Berry and published by the John C. Winston Company. She pointed out that Miss Berry had commissioned competent writers who had a special feeling for the period and place chosen for the setting of the story. She felt that the intention of the publisher to present in a good story the contributions to industry and culture of the United States made by immigrant groups had been realized. However, in bringing characters to life and telling a dramatic tale, some books in the series were superior and should be given "first purchase" rights and the librarians should select these books on their individual merit in terms of her library's need.

The Young Travelers Series published by E. P. Dutton and Company was considered by Miss Harriet Helms of Grosse Pointe. These books are good for their treatment of modern social and economic conditions in the various countries. Each book portrays an upper middle class host family entertaining an American. The index and pronouncing glossary give some value in reference work but the books will be most useful as supplementary to adult guide books and the story element is unimportant.

The Landmark Books were selected for comment by Miss Frances Whitehead (Detroit). A fortunate choice of authors such as Armstrong Sperry and Sterling North have produced books of merit in this series. A high level of accuracy has been maintained but there are some rather poor books being carried by the better titles. The records which dramatize the books have been effective in interesting youngsters in reading history and biography.

In the discussion moderated by Miss Hazel Brown (Royal Oak) the follow-

ing guiding principles for handling series books were brought out:

1. Feature the best book on a subject and discard those in series which are inferior.
2. Feature superior titles in the various series, so that individual worthwhile books are emphasized, and the rubber stamp acceptance of the series as a whole is lessened.
3. Display together series and individual books by the same author such as Daugherty's "Of Courage Undaunted" and "Trappers and Traders of the Far West."

"Give Tongue to Literature," a talk given by Mrs. Eulalie Steinmetz Ross, Director of Work with Children, Cincinnati Public Library, was the second concerned with the storytelling program and concluded the Institute. Advice on how to tell a story and manage arrangements essential to a smooth-running story hour was enhanced by the telling of the delightful "Lost Half Hour" by Henry Beston. An article by Mrs. Steinmetz Ross based on this address will appear in a later issue.

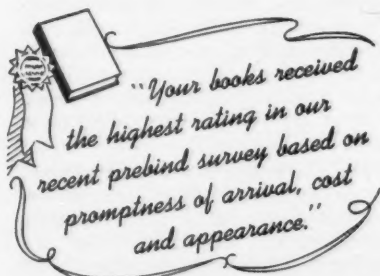
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responsible for this fine program included: Alice K. Stevens (Kalamazoo) Program Chairman, Mrs. Mary Bobinski (Royal Oak), Mrs. Julia Cruikshank (Adrian), Mrs. Rosalie P. Fraser (Paw Paw), Jean Hunter (Battle Creek), Joan Lenon and Mrs. Donna Perrine (Lansing), Dr. Louise Sause and Mr. Gil Edson (Michigan State University) and Laura B. Long (Midland), Chairman of the Section.

LATEST WORD ON OUR LIBRARY LEGISLATION

Our Bill originated in the Senate, passed in the House and is now in Conference to iron out differences. As it stands, State Aid for Libraries has a provision for \$420,000 in basic grants with a separate line reading that the State Board for Libraries is authorized to accept and use Federal money up to \$262,000 providing that the State Library total budget remains the same as last year. As soon as the bill is voted into law, the \$40,000 we have already received can be used immediately for aid to rural areas.

The State Library book budget was cut by \$13,600 and no hope of it being restored. Also, no increase for the U.P. branch was provided.



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Here's a Story:

The Pre-School Story in Jackson

Frances E. Burnside

"Children's Storyhour Rolls Jump Again. New Split Set" was the headline of an article in the Citizen-Patriot, Sunday February 24th, 1957. That sentence and the picture climax a true story on the formation of an organized co-operative story-hour at the Jackson Public Library.

This story opened the M.L.A. School and Children's Spring Institute under the caption "Here's a Story." The telling reveals the events leading up to the newspaper headline and the subsequent formation of a Mother's Committee to help in the reorganization of the story-hour to include more children.

Storytellers: Mrs. Oliver Thomas, Mrs. F. Douglass Bennett, Mrs. James Minor, Miss Frances Burnside. Demonstrators: Mrs. John Atkinson and Mrs. Henning Engmark. These five mothers are the nucleus of the committee and represent P.T.A., Child Study, Veteran, A.A.U.W., League of Women Voters and Church School

Groups. Here's the story.

Mrs. Thomas: Beginnings: I live at Gilletts Lake and about two years ago felt that my two little boys needed companionship with other children. The Pre-school storyhour at the library was just what we needed. Because I teach kindergarten I had access to "trimmings" for the storyhour, rhythm band instruments, picture scripts, projector, a live turtle and stories. When I offered to bring these, Miss Burnside then and there said "Fine! consider yourself my assistant, volunteer, of course."

Later, into my station wagon were packed, with the bulky equipment, as many as thirteen other isolated children of my district and away we went to the "library school." Miss Burnside sensing newsworthy publicity in the amusing unpacking of the car, called Mrs. Donna Barnes of the Jackson Citizen Patriot for a picture, the one



you see in the parking lot, taken early in February 1957. The taking of the picture caused a minor traffic problem and aroused more interest in the project, increasing the next storyhour to 67 from 35.

Mrs. Bennett: Organization needed.

The sixty-seven were challenge enough—but luckily a Valentine Party had been planned and somehow the refreshments were stretched to include each child. Now was the time for serious planning, *we thought*, and twelve mothers joined Miss Burnside on Saturday for a simplified explanation of the purposes of the storyhour, its goals and new plans. Wednesday afternoon was still the time, it was decided, but there would be *two groups*, with *two sets* of mothers doing the honors.

Then came the newspaper feature article which accompanied the picture and then the deluge!! About 90 children and their mothers swarmed the children's department.—The day after that the twelve mothers called all the seventy others registered and announced the *New Split! Two storyhours sessions* now on Wednesday, the morning for the three to four-and-a-half; the afternoon for those through the five year old level, or Senior Class. I became co-ordinator for afternoon, Mrs. Minor for the morning session.

Mrs. Minor: Planning—short and long range.

Planning ahead is especially important when using volunteers—many of whom are untrained.

1. First planning includes choice of theme for each week—signing up mothers to help. Planning and initiating publicity is most effective if done at this time.

2. One and one-half weeks in advance of storyhour stories are selected by the children's librarian along the chosen theme to be given to the mothers at the next storyhour—a week before their use. Mothers are asked to observe once before they make a presentation. Specific jobs are assigned—name tags, registration, coats, occasionally cookies.

3. Mothers are again contacted the day before. The co-ordinator always has extra appropriate materials in case some mother has a home emergency.

Pre-school characteristics considered:

1. Security—the same routine gives a child, who may be away from mother for the first time, some feeling of security, and pleasure is obtained by repeating a favorite story or verse. 2. The desire to be like big brother or sister is met by having something—a story or a fingergame he can tell when the family discusses the day's activities.

3. Short attention span of especially three year olds; *while the story is the main feature*, finger stories, songs, records, film strips are interspersed to give small amount of activity between stories.

4. *We keep in mind that we are introducing these children to the library and to books and maybe helping them form impressions they will carry with them for a lifetime.*

A core committee of mothers will meet in May shortly after our last May Day storyhour, to outline fall activities. Core committee is composite group including mothers from all parts of the community and from many organizations. This helps in getting a variety of ideas and in spreading news of our group to many pre-school children. *We feel that some key person on the core committee should have had training in work with small children.* Many former teachers are volunteers.

Using Volunteers has uncovered amazing talents, as Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Engmark demonstrated in their roles of story demonstrators.

Conclusion—Miss Burnside. There's the story! Here's the question!

"In establishing a cooperative story hour of this sort are we as librarians serving the best interests of the children, the library, and the community?" Here's the answer *for my library and for me.*

The Children—This story (shortened for this article) as told by these outstanding, talented, imaginative and capable mothers proves beyond doubt that the children are in excellent hands.

The Library—Is it *still* a library activity? *It is when* the children's librarian remains general chairman and responsible for the materials used; when she is present and participating in the planning and programs; when through this means of *extending service* entire new and young families become regular library patrons. As for *Publicity*; it is a windfall in the best library tradition.

The Community—Is it not in the interest of the community that the children's department of a public library take leadership in opening *to the community itself*, new opportunities to serve on a broader base, *all the children of all the people*?

The Future?—Why not a second M.L.A.? *A Mother's Library Association*?

Finally—If you feel tired, run down, and have not done so, *take on a cooperative storyhour and feel good again!*

MUSTER

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS: September 20-21, M.L.A. School Library Institute, St. Mary's Lake Camp, Battle Creek.

PROMOTED: James Dance, Detroit Public Library to Assistant to the Coordinator of Community and Group Services.

HONORED: Ruth Rutzen, Director of Home Reading Services, named one of Detroit's "Top Ten Working Women" for her outstanding career in librarianship and her work with the Readers' Interest Classification system for arranging books.

DIED: Elsie Gordon, Chief, Parkman Branch Library, Detroit Public Library System, February 11 after a brief illness. Active in ALA, MLA and Detroit Association for Adult Education.

AWARDED: \$1,000 Grolier Scholarship for study in school librarianship to Department of Librarianship, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, for its undergraduate program.

OPENED: Detroit Public Library's new Chandler Park Branch Library. Librarian, Margaret Stewart; staff members, Thomas Woodbury, Eugene Larson and Elizabeth Dickieson.

GOLD PINS: for 25 years of service in the Detroit Public Library system were presented to Mrs. Lois Edgcomb, librarian of Thomas Jefferson Branch Library; Phyllis McRae, Fiction Specialist; and Mrs. Ruth Shakespeare, first assistant at Wilder Branch Library.

AEA-M: elected Muriel Fuller of the State Library to succeed John Lorenz on the board of directors.

DISTRICT III: correction for MLA Directory. Trustee Chairman, Mrs. Graham Shinnick has resigned and her position has been taken by Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Helena Flewelling.

CALDECOTT-NEWBERRY FACSIMILES: available from Miss Margery Baer, 114 Oak St., Wyandotte. 25 gummed facsimiles of either the Caldecott or Newberry Medal in a packet—\$1.00. Money is for the Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship Fund which has a goal of \$25,000. The fund will provide for an annual scholarship, for someone wishing to pursue professional training in librarianship with children in public or school libraries. Packets could be broken and librarians sell individual facsimiles to the children for their personal books.

NEW PUBLICATION: *Telescope*, magazine devoted to Great Lakes maritime history. Libraries are asked to send list of what they have on Great Lakes history. Memberships, \$4.00 per year. For more information write Great Lakes Model Shipbuilders' Guild, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit 2.

WALTER E. FORSTER: Chief, Business and Commerce Dept., Detroit Public Library has written two articles for publication for the MLA Public Relations Committee.

"The Public Library As Your Research Department", appears in the March issue of *Business Topics* and reprints are available upon request. Write Bureau of Business Research,

College of Business and Public Service, Michigan State University, East Lansing. Mr. Forester's other article will be on the use of Telephone Directories in Michigan and will appear shortly in the *Michigan Bell*, a publication of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Trustees' Corner

NEWS

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VIEWS

TRUSTEE KNOW-HOW

"Growth and Change — Our Challenge" has been a good theme to better the library conditions in Michigan, but it looks like the first growth should be within our own M.L.A. Every trustee should know what is going on in library betterment throughout the state, as well as in his immediate neighborhood. Only through an exchange of ideas and planning with others who are working for the same things, may we keep up with these fast-changing times.

First and foremost in this field of co-operation is our own M.L.A., and the first thing any Trustee (elected or appointed) should do, upon taking on the responsibility of his office, is to make available to himself and fellow trustees all the experience and know-how of other trustees, past and present. That means to become a member of the Michigan Library Association at once. There is no substitute for the pleasure of having the "Michigan Librarian" come to your own mailbox, so that you may read it thoroughly before your next board meeting.

That brings us down to the subject of "Working Trustees". Look your board

over at the next "regular" meeting, or perhaps for several meetings, and check on attendance as well as committee activity. If a member has left town or one is unable to take an active part in library betterment, ask for his resignation so that he may be replaced with someone who you know is interested in books and library growth and will work at it. You may have a very efficient librarian, but she would probably enjoy some new furniture and maybe larger quarters or additional money for books, etc. She needs your help so that YOUR library may grow and keep up with the times.

Find a copy of the April ALA Bulletin and read "To Serve Is To Serve" by Ralph G. Newman on page 275 and you'll better understand what we mean.

Kenneth U. Blass, District IV.

TRY TO MAKE IT

The American Association of Library Trustees has invited trustees, librarians and all friends of libraries to a pre-conference workshop, Opportunities Unlimited, to be held in Kansas City on Sunday, June 23, prior to the American Library Association Conference. The workshop is planned to enable participants to get information and help on special problems concerning responsibilities of trustees in developing good libraries. Round table groups, and a "Quiz the Experts" session will raise and answer questions. In connection with Operation Library, Jaycees are especially invited to be guests at the workshop. The Workshop will end with a dinner, at which the speaker will be Mr. Kenneth McFarland, Educational Director, General Motors Corporation.

Michigan trustees who attended a preliminary planning session for this workshop during the Midwinter ALA in Chicago are most enthusiastic about the opportunity to get information at Kansas City. Let us have a good trustee representation at ALA in June and especially at the Kansas City pre-conference on Sunday, June 23. Watch for more information in the ALA Bulletin and in the mail.

TEN COUNTY AREA MEETING

About 60 trustees and librarians from 10 counties met in an area meeting at Cadillac on January 21. The meeting was arranged by Mr. Clarence Foster, Trustee Chairman, District VI of Cadillac and Mrs. Ellsworth Haynes, Vice-Chairman of District VI, in cooperation with the Cadillac-Wexford Public Library Board and the Michigan State Library.

Speaking on the topic "Library's place in community life", Lee Gregory, Director, Cadillac-Wexford Public Library, stressed the importance of selection of books geared to the needs of the community. He said the library must assist citizens in developing understanding of scientific advancement in order to adjust to conditions in the world today and that the library has a responsibility to stimulate educational, cultural and vocational interests in the community it serves.

Miss Helen Kremer, State Library Consultant, discussed goals of library service as set forth in the new national

standards. The legislative program of the Michigan Library Association was presented by Miss Carol Thomas, Director, Kent County Library, and Chairman, MLA Legislative Committee.

Planning for use of federal funds was the main subject of evening discussion. Formation of citizens' committees for library development was urged as a first step in planning for enlarged areas of service. The trustees agreed that each board has a responsibility to interest and inform other groups in the community.

As a highlight of the dinner which preceded the area meeting the Cadillac-Wexford Public Library Board honored Mrs. George Elmore who was retiring from the board after more than a decade of service. Mr. W. G. Fellows of Cadillac, Toastmaster, said "Our Community would be a better place if we had more persons like Mrs. Elmore."

Another meeting of trustees and librarians from the 10 county area will be arranged in the near future.

MEMO

TO: All Trustees

FROM: William J. Cummings, M.L.A. Trustee Member-At-Large
820 Summit Street, Sault Ste. Marie

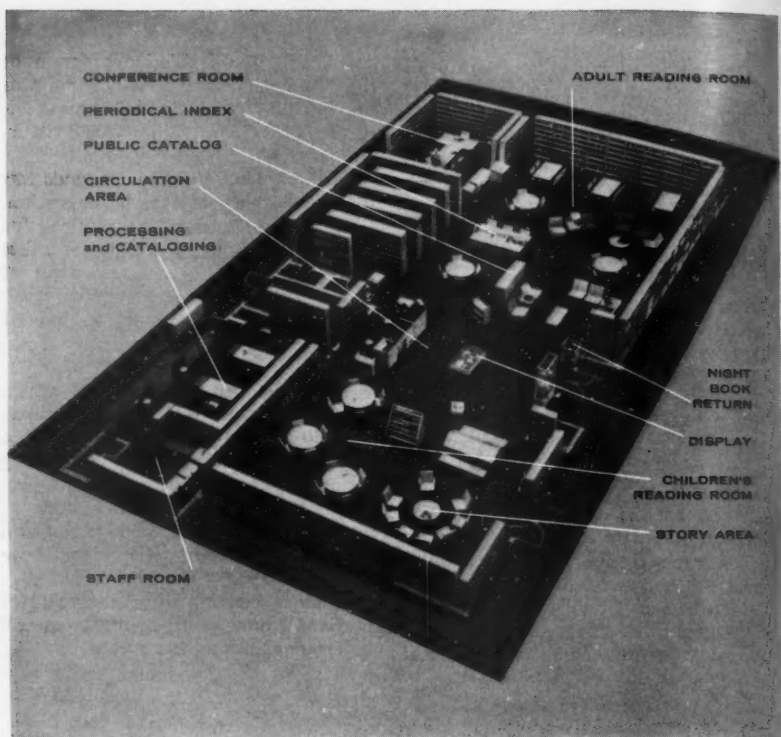
Please consider this a personal memo to you, the Trustee of your library in your city—I only wish it could be a personal visit.

When I was appointed a trustee of the Carnegie Public Library, Sault Ste. Marie, I was entirely ignorant of what I was to do. Four other trustees had been on the board for about six years. Our meetings consisted of approving the bills for the current month—reading the minutes of the last meeting, and unless the Librarian had some special problem, the meeting adjourned for another month. (Does this sound familiar?) No one was schooled as to what responsibility was—no one offered suggestions as to how we might be of value to the Library.

Our present board of Trustees has been appointed within the past five years, and thanks to the Michigan Library Association's booklet "Michigan Library Trustees Manual", we have learned a lot. All of the board received a copy with instructions to study it carefully and make a report at our next regular meeting. We discussed it. We had our eyes opened. It gave us vision and ideas that we could use as Trustees to make our Library an animate institution in our city.

Today, every board member is thinking of ideas, suggestions to make our library better known. The newspaper—the radio—the civic clubs are all interested in helping in the project.

Would you as a Trustee want a copy of "Michigan Library Trustee Manual"? Are you willing to read it carefully, have a special meeting time for discussion about it? You can do a wonderful job for your Library, and now is the time. If you want help in this work, write to me. I'll see to it that material is forwarded to you. I will welcome a note from you.



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NEWCOMERS DAY

The 1957 Newcomers Day was held on Wednesday, April 3, at the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education in East Lansing, Michigan. Although the attendance was somewhat smaller than in previous years, it was commented that "this is the finest looking group of Newcomers yet," which proves that library recruiters are doing a fine job of enticing up and coming people into the library field.

After hearing Mr. Arthur Yabroff and Mrs. Loleta Fyan give a very clear picture of the function of the State Board for libraries, and of the services and role of the State Library, the group adjourned for lunch. When they returned for the afternoon meeting about one in three was wearing a carnation—proof that you can have a table bouquet and wear it, too.

Mr. Ralph Ulveling, Director of the Detroit Public Library, gave a most interesting talk on the growth of MLA from the days when it was "a cozy little group which met once a year, had lunch, chatted a bit, and returned home," to its present day very important role in Michigan's library world.

As a preliminary to asking Newcomers to volunteer for committee work, members of the various committees reported briefly on their activities. Then to finish off the day, the Newcomers enjoyed a "busman's holiday" by touring the new Michigan State University Library or the State Library.

By day's end, Michigan's library Newcomers had truly been oriented into the ways and by-ways of MLA.

Gertrude Laird, Chairman

HOSPITAL LIBRARY SPECIAL

The Hospital Section took a spring excursion to the Veterans Hospital, Ann Arbor on April 12. Mrs. Freda Wood was the stewardess and an excellent luncheon was served in the staff dining room at 1:00 P.M. At no extra charge there was a side trip to the University of Michigan Medical Library with Dr. David Kronick, Medical Librarian as guide.

On the side trip, the last stop was a brief business meeting. Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Section Co-ordinator spoke of the coming district meetings and invited everyone present to the meeting on May 1 at the new Chandler Park Branch, Detroit. Miss Marion Spear, Membership Representative took new memberships. All in all a very happy and successful excursion.

Linda V. Ganley, Chairman

SUMMER SESSION WORKSHOPS — 1957

University of Michigan Department of Library Science Ann Arbor, Michigan

In addition to courses in the basic program in library science and courses on the advanced level, the University of Michigan will offer three workshops, each of two weeks' duration, during the summer session period:

School Library Workshop, August 5-16

The fifth annual School Library Workshop of the University of Michigan Department of Library Science will have as its theme: "Planning Elementary School Library Service." Problems identified by the group will be considered through talks, group discussions, individual reports and conferences. Professor C. Irene Hayner of the Department of Library Science and Mrs. Edna Ballard Mack, Lecturer in Library Science, University of Michigan Extension Service, will conduct the Workshop. A guest consultant in the area of school library service will be announced later.

Coordinate Indexing Workshop, August 5-16

The Workshop on Mechanizing Information for Research will comprise lectures on coordinate indexing and the logic of its use in manual and mechanized information services, integrated with a workshop investigation of these techniques, and the preparation of a coordinate index. The course will be given

by Mr. C. D. Gull, Administrative Officer, Division of Engineering and Industrial Research, National Research Council, Washington, D. C. It will be preceded by two six-week courses intended for special librarians: a general course on business and industrial libraries, and a bibliographical course on business information services, both to be taught by Miss Rose L. Vormelker, Library Director of the Forest City Publishing Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

Library Buildings Workshop, August 5-16

The Workshop will consider problems of library buildings and equipment in various types of libraries—school, public, college and university. The director of the Workshop will be Mrs. Edna Hanley Byers, the Librarian of Agnes Scott College and author of "College and University Library Buildings."

The workshops will be open to regular students in the summer session, and each will carry two hours of graduate credit. Students attending the summer session for the workshop period only may do so by registering in advance. The fee for such students will be \$30 for Michigan residents and \$35 for out-of-state students.

For further information write to Department of Library Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Since enrollment is limited, prospective participants should write well in advance.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE SUMMER SESSION

Two Library Science courses will be taught at Northern Michigan College during the summer session, 1957. They are Library 304—Reference Books and Work in the School Library and Library 306—Book Selection and Reading Guidance for the Adolescent.

Mrs. Edna Paulson, Librarian at John D. Pierce Training School, Northern Michigan College, will teach the courses.

WANTED: 10,000 LIBRARIANS

The Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career recently prepared a new and different exhibit for an important convention in Detroit. The

American Personnel and Guidance Association held its annual convention at the Hotel Statler, April 15-18, and many of the 2,500 delegates stopped before a sign reading, "Wanted: 10,000 Librarians."

A committee of Detroit Public Library staff members, headed by Mrs. Mary Wowk, devised several of the eye-catching features of this exhibit. An enlarged montage of advertisements for librarians clipped from various journals was framed by photographs showing librarians at work. Representative library periodicals and library school catalogs were displayed in a magazine rack.

Two machines used in this exhibit caused considerable comment. The teleprompter, a small box across the top of which moves a script in large type, was employed. It pointed out the types of library work available, the qualifications required and the preparation necessary for librarianship. A rear view projector was used to show the color film, "The Library Story."

Termed by a convention delegate, "One of the most original and refreshing displays," the exhibit was staffed in cooperation with librarians in the Detroit Metropolitan Area.

Detroit Public Library committee members, in addition to Mary Wowk, were: Eugene Burrell, James Dodd, Kenneth King, Mary Mitchell, Kurtz Myers, and Elizabeth von Oettingen.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The manuscript of the research study, "A UNION LIST OF NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN MICHIGAN; BASED ON THE PRINCIPAL NEWSPAPER COLLECTIONS IN THE STATE; WITH NOTES CONCERNING PAPERS NOT LOCATED by Elizabeth Read Brown (263 pages) has recently, through the efforts of Mrs. Esther Loughin of the Michigan State Library staff, been microfilmed. These film copies will be in the Detroit Public Library (the Burton Historical Collection, presumably); Michigan Historical Collections, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and the Clark Collection at Central Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant,

Michigan. According to Mrs. Loughin, the negatives will be on file at University Microfilms (Ann Arbor) so that other libraries can obtain film copies. In addition to these film copies, arrangements have been made to make available for interlibrary loan the typed (carbon) copy deposited with the Michigan State Library.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE REQUESTS INFORMATION ON CENSORSHIP PRESSURES

Members of the Association are requested to inform the chairman of the MLA Intellectual Freedom Committee promptly if their libraries are under pressure from any source to violate good principles of book selection, to censor books, withhold them from circulation contrary to their good judgment or to "label" books or other publications. Members are urged also to send copies of any statements they may have prepared of book selection policy followed by their libraries. If enough information can be assembled on the

subject of book selection policy followed by Michigan libraries, an attempt will be made to summarize and analyze it for a forthcoming issue of the *Michigan Librarian*. Communications should be addressed to Frederick H. Wagman, University of Michigan Library, Ann Arbor.

THE CONSTANCE BEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS LOAN FUND Purpose

The Constance Bement Memorial Fund was established in October 1945 by the Michigan Library Association. Contributions were made by friends of Miss Bement to provide this fund so that persons interested in becoming librarians should be given assistance. Scholarships are given in the form of loans not to exceed \$300 per person.

Criteria for Consideration of Loan

The Scholarship Committee recommends the following criteria for the consideration of applicants:

1. *Education:* The applicant should be a resident of Michigan who is

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a candidate for a degree in Library Science in a school accredited by the American Library Association. This means that the candidate should be a Senior in college or one who has a B.A. degree.

2. *Personal qualities:* The individual should have maintained a high standard of scholarship and should show promise of making contributions to the profession of librarianship. He should be a well-balanced individual with a sense of responsibility.
3. *Recommendations:* At least three (3) letters of recommendation must be sent regarding residence, reliability, and professional ability.

Repayment of Loan

Repayment of the loan must be made in full within one (1) year after completion of the library course. Interest is at 1 per cent per annum.

Where to Apply

Applications and letters of recommendation are to be sent to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee of the Michigan Library Association.

WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIPS

Purpose

The original purpose of the workshops was to raise the standard of the untrained librarian in service, particularly the untrained librarian in the small town.

It should be the further purpose to encourage the training of young people for recruitment in the profession.

Criteria

The Scholarship Committee recommends the following criteria for the consideration of applicants:

1. *Education:* At least a high school graduate.
2. *Experience:* Some library experience. The quality of work should be considered as well as the length of time.
3. *Need:* Only those people should apply who have no other means of financing their attendance.
4. *Recommendations:* The applicant should supply at least one letter,

either from the library board or from the applicant's immediate superior.

Scholarships for the summer workshops to be conducted by the Michigan State Library are offered by the Michigan Library Association to those people who have no other means of financing their attendance. The scholarship covers the cost of room and board during the five day period at camp.

The following workshops will be available during the summer of 1957:

Higgins Lake, July 23-27

St. Mary's Lake, July 29-Aug. 2

The theme will be Working with Young People.

Application blanks and additional information will be available at the spring district meetings, and may also be obtained from Mrs. Marian Fortier, Chairman Scholarship Committee, 914 W. Hughitt St., Iron Mountain, Michigan. Applications should reach the above address by June 5.

STUDY AND TRAINING GRANTS IN LIBERAL ADULT EDUCATION

The Fund for Adult Education is offering for 1958-59, thirty grants to individuals for practical experience, university study, or combinations of the two, in liberal adult education. The objective is the improvement and advancement of leadership in liberal education for adults.

All inquiries, requests for applications and other communications should be addressed to LEADERSHIP TRAINING AWARDS, THE FUND FOR ADULT EDUCATION, 320 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, New York. The only applications that can be considered are those made on forms supplied by the Fund. The forms necessary for making application will be sent to any individual upon his or her request. No nomination or other approval by any institution, organization, or agency is needed to make application. A post card may be used in requesting the forms.

To be accepted applications must be received or post-marked no later than October 31, 1957. April 1, 1958, names of successful candidates will be

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DETROIT SCHOLARSHIP

The Staff Association, The Detroit Public Library, announces the Alma Josenhans Scholarship of \$300 and an interest-free loan of \$300 to be awarded in 1957 to a worthy individual to assist toward his tuition at an accredited library school. Winner of the award will be chosen from among the non-professional staffs of libraries in Detroit and the metropolitan area. In 1949, the Staff Association of The Detroit Public Library adopted the Alma Josenhans Scholarship as one of its projects. Alma Josenhans, who conceived of the Scholarship, was for many years the first assistant in the Music and Drama Department of the Library, before her retirement in 1950.

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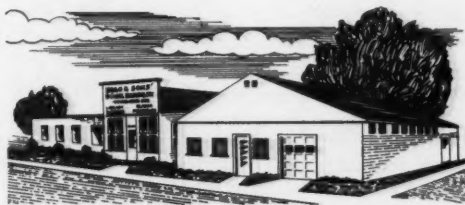
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| | <p>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23</p> <p>REGISTRATION. EXHIBITS open all day.</p> <p>ADULT EDUCATION SECTION
Final report on Muskegon Project.</p> <p>COUNTY LIBRARY SECTION LUNCHEON
Speaker: Dr. Alex R. Gilpin "Michigan County Histories"</p> <p>FIRST GENERAL SESSION
Program sponsored by Cataloging Section. Speaker to be announced.</p> <p>STORY TELLING FESTIVAL
Folk tales that can be tied in with the United Nations theme. Stories and participants to be announced.</p> <p>SECOND GENERAL SESSION
President's Report.
Introduction of old and new boards.
"Federal Aid to Libraries"—Mrs. Fyan.
"Library Standards"—speaker to be announced.</p> <p>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24</p> <p>EXHIBITORS' BREAKFAST</p> <p>REGISTRATION</p> <p>BUSINESS MEETING OF REFERENCE SECTION
Speakers: Mr. John Campbell, Scientific Director, Research Staff, G.M. Mr. Woodrow L. Ginsberg, Director, Research Department, U.A.W.-C.I.O.
Public Library Representative: Mr. Robert Runser, Chief, Technology Dept. D.P.L.
University Library Representative: Dr. Frederick H. Wagman, Director, University Library, U. of M.</p> <p>EXHIBITS open.</p> <p>THIRD GENERAL SESSION
(Program sponsored by Reference Section)
"Growth and Development of Reference Services in University, Public, and Special Libraries: a Symposium." Moderator: Ralph A. Ulveling.</p> <p>MEETING OF OLD AND NEW BOARDS OF M.L.A. AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN</p> <p>FREE AFTERNOON for tours of libraries in Detroit area and for shopping.</p> <p>CONFERENCE BANQUET
Speaker: Leland Stowe
"An Up-to-Date Assessment of Our Changing, Divided World"</p> <p>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25</p> <p>REGISTRATION</p> <p>EXHIBITS open.</p> <p>FOURTH GENERAL SESSION
Business meeting of M.L.A.</p> |
| <p>9 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.</p> <p>10 A.M. - 12 noon</p> <p>12 Noon - 2 P.M.</p> <p>2:30 P.M. - 4 P.M.</p> <p>4 P.M. - 5 P.M.</p> <p>8:30 P.M. - 10 P.M.</p> <p>8 A.M. - 10 A.M.</p> <p>9 A.M. - 6 P.M.</p> <p>9 A.M. - 10 A.M.</p> <p>10 A.M. - 6 P.M.</p> <p>10 A.M. - 12 Noon</p> <p>2 P.M.</p> <p>7 P.M.</p> <p>9 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.</p> <p>10 A.M. - 6 P.M.</p> <p>10 A.M. - 12 Noon</p> | |

- 12:15 P.M. - 2 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING OF TRUSTEES' SECTION
SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S SECTION LUNCHEON
Speaker to be announced.
- 1 P.M. HOSPITAL LIBRARIANS SECTION LUNCHEON
Speaker: Dr. Canfield.
- 2:30 P.M. - 4 P.M. COLLEGE SECTION MEETING
Speaker to be announced.
- 4 P.M. - 5 P.M. FIFTH GENERAL SESSION
Speaker to be announced.
- 8:30 P.M. - 10 P.M. STORY TELLING FESTIVAL
SIXTH GENERAL SESSION
Speaker: Alden Dow, internationally known architect.
Evaluation of Conference to follow program.
- 9 A.M. - 12 Noon SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
REGISTRATION. EXHIBITS open.
- 8 A.M. - 10 A.M. SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S SECTION BREAKFAST
AND BUSINESS MEETING
- 10 A.M. - 12 Noon SEVENTH GENERAL SESSION
Panel discussion on library problems involving co-
operation between public, school, and county libraries.
Participants to be announced.
- 12 Noon CONFERENCE LUNCHEON
Speaker: Mrs. Elizabeth Howard Mizner. Subject to
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9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 24

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, October 25

9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 26

9 a.m. to 12 noon

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Luncheons	3.00
Banquet, Thursday, October 24..	4.25

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(Governor's message. Section 1. Our Senior Citizens)

(9) Furthermore, I recommend the appropriation of \$15,500 to the Council on Aging to allow for the employment of an additional State Library consultant whose efforts would be directed toward the establishment and improvement of library services for the aging.

(10) Increased State grants should be made to existing public libraries in order to enable them to improve library services for the aging and to extend library services to the 940,000 Michigan citizens without any public libraries.

For this purpose, I have made allowance in the budgetary recommendations for the State Board of Libraries.

House Journal No. 21. February 15, 1957

(Governor's message.)

III. LIBRARIES

A most important ancillary to our educational system is to be found in the library service provided by the state of Michigan. In this field, as in so many others, we are faced with growing needs and rising costs. Demands are pyramiding from the increased population, from increased numbers of students, from the increased idle hours of our senior citizens and from people moving into suburban and rural areas.

Therefore, I recommend that you increase basic grants to all public libraries and to the State library and its special projects, especially the library service program for the aging, as outlined in my budget.

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What Was Said

(Legislative Quotes About Libraries)

From the Democratic Platform Statement on Education

XII. LIBRARIES

Since the times of Benjamin Franklin and Father Gabriel Richard a free public library service has been in the great American tradition of democratic opportunity for the advancement of knowledge and culture in our nation.

Since 1938, when the late great Frank Murphy secured an appropriation of \$375,000 from the Legislature for libraries, the Republicans have consistently refused to recognize this important service. In these 19 years, appropriations have been increased by a miserly \$25,000. No agency of government can be expected to live on a 1938 budget.

Perhaps the Republican refusal to encourage a free public library service reflects their fear that when the electorate is informed it votes Democratic.

We support Governor Williams' continuing request for substantial appropriation increases by the Legislature. As the Governor pointed out in his message "demands are pyramiding from the increased population, from increased numbers of students, from the increased leisure hours of our senior citizens and from people moving in to suburban and rural areas."

We urge, moreover, that the Legislature appropriate funds for an adequate new building for the State Library whose old building burned down several years ago.

House Journal No. 9. January 29, 1957

(Governor's message. Section 3. Recommended Appropriations)

a) Education

The remaining \$5 million in the operating appropriation recommendations are distributed among the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the schools for the Blind and Deaf, Vocational Education, the State Library, the Historical Commission and retirement. Included therein is a strong support for an expansion of local library services, in the amount of \$525,000.

(g) General Government

The recommendation of \$1 million for capital outlay provides for a) final plans for structural and mechanical remodeling improvements to the State Capitol Building; b) land acquisition for Capitol development, remodeling the State Library stack rooms in the Cass Building for office space; c) conversion of the east half of Ferris Park for employee parking, completion of plans for the first unit of low-cost office buildings on DeWitt Road, and preliminary plans for a second unit. Plans are to include space for the circulating library for the blind, which is now located at the Employment Institution for the Blind in Saginaw.

In view of our many other more critical budgetary requirements, I cannot justify at this time a recommendation of \$2,330,000 necessary to maintain construction progress during the 1957-58 fiscal year on a proposed \$3,000,000 Supreme Court Building to be erected in the Capitol development area. For the same reason I have included no funds for further work on the planned executive residence. Since it will not require any appropriation from the general fund, I do recommend the construction on the same basis as the Mason Building (by financing through a public corporation) of a new State Office Building to house properly many State agencies still housed in privately-owned buildings scattered throughout Lansing.

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